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TAGS: PEPR, PORG, IZ, AF
SUBJECT: IRAQI DILEMMA IN THE HORN
REF: STATE 119870

1. REFTEL RECEIVED JUST AS I RETURNED FROM CALL ON
BARKOVSKY OF USSR. I MADE SERIES OF UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO
STEER DISCUSSION TO HORN, INCLUDING STATEMENT THAT I HAD BEEN
TOLD HIS MEETING WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN EARLIER THIS WEEK WAS
FOR PURPOSE OF AGAIN RECEIVING EXPRESSIONS OF IRAQI CONCERN.
THIS WAS MERELY SPECULATION, BUT DID NOT PROVOKE HIM INTO
ANY GERMANE RESPONSE, NOT EVEN DENIAL, WHICH PROBABLY INDICATES
SUBJECT WAS INDEED COVERED.

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2. HE DID AGREE THAT LACK OF ANY MENTION OF HORN IN COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED AT END OF VP MAAROUFS VISIT TO CUBA REVEALED QTE DIVERGENCE
OF VIEWS UNQTE, BUT THAT WAS AS FAR AS HE WAS WILLING TO GO.
BARKOVSKY IS CLEARLY AWARE OF GROWING ARAB UNEASINESS, BUT HIS LACK O
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RESPONSIVENESS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO ASSESS WHAT, IF ANY THING,

USSR INTENDS TO DO.

3. I HAVE A MEETING WITH ZAHAWION MAY 13 AT 1030 LOCAL,
MY FIRST WITH HIM SINCE RETURN FROM WASHINGTON. HE WILL PROBABLY
WANT TO TALK ABOUT OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS REFUGEES ASYLUM. HE
ACCOMPANIED MAAROUF ON LATTERS RECENT TRIP AND IS LIKELY
CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION DESCRIBED PARA 3 REFTEL.
AS DEPT AWARE, ZAHAWI IS SEASONED PROFESSIONAL WITH WHOM
RELATIVELY FRANK DISCUSSIONS CAN BE HELD. GIVEN OUR KNOWLEDGE
OF IRAQI CONCERNS, MATTER-OF-FACT PRESENTATION OF OUR VIEWS
AND REASONS FOR THEM CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED
WITH INTEREST AT LEAST. ZAHAWIS REACTION MAY ALSO SERVE AS
INDICATION OF WHAT OTHER STEPS WE CAN-SHOULD TAKE, EITHER
DIRECTLY OR THRU THIRD PARTIES.

4. IF DEPT AGREES DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE, I WILL NEED INFO
PROMPTLY. SUGGEST TRANSMISSION VIA KUWAIT NIACT IMMEDIATE
IN ORDER TO MAKE MAY 12 POUCH, AND DIRECT TO US IN CASE IT DOES NOT.
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